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Kurt Blecha told an East German press conference on 21 July that Otto John had asked Soviet authorities for asylum on 20 July. He said that John's motivation was a matter of conscience, and in public pronouncements to follow, John would reveal details not limited to the BFV. 25X1

Comment: Kurt Blecha is the deputy to Beyling, chief of the prime minister's press office [REDACTED] 25X1

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